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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIATS

Subject: Official Travel to Egypt

As you know, in December 1977, the President established a system of foreign travel controls for senior Administration officials to ensure that such travel is planned and timed in the best interests of our overall foreign policy.

We are now facing a special situation regarding official travel to Egypt. During 1978 an average of 137 official visitors a month visited Cairo, severely taxing the Embassy's resources as well as the Egyptian government's ability to meet with many of them.

In light of this urgent situation, and in consultation with the NSC, we have decided to apply the system now used for senior Administration officials to all official travel to Egypt. Please submit the travel request form for all official travel to Egypt proposed by employees of your Departments and Agencies.

I ask your cooperation in ensuring that only essential travel to Egypt be recommended.

Peter Tarnoff  
Executive Secretary

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